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For : ZACE2: A HUMAN METALLOENZYME
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 27, 2002, please extend the period of time for response for five months, to expire on February 27, 2003. Enclosed are a Request for Extension of Time and the requisite fee.

REMARKS

The Office Action sets forth a restriction requirement under 35 USC § 121, Applicant was requested to elect one of eight designated groups as noted below:

1.

Claims 1-3, drawn in part, and claims 4-6 and 15 drawn specifically, to a carboxypeptidase having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 to a composition comprising the carboxypeptidase, classified in class 435, subclass 226.